

1 CLAIMS

2 What is claimed is:

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4 Claim 1. A rod holder assembly with concealed fasteners,
5 said assembly comprising:

6 an upper flange having a top surface and a lower surface
7 with a centrally disposed opening therethrough, said upper
8 flange having a perimeter edge spaced apart from said opening;

9 a backing plate securable to said upper flange, said
10 backing plate having a centrally disposed opening;

11 a receiving socket having an open upper end coupled to
12 said backing plate and a lower end depending therefrom, said
13 receiving socket constructed and arranged to receive a fishing
14 pole handle;

15 a means for securing said backing plate to said upper
16 flange; and

17 a liner extending from said upper flange and extending
18 into said receiving socket;

19 wherein said upper flange is positioned on top of a
20 mounting surface and said backing plate is positioned beneath
21 said mounting surface and fastened to said upper flange.

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1 Claim 2. The rod holder according to Claim 1 wherein said
2 centrally disposed opening and said receiving socket are
3 tubular shaped.

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5 Claim 3. The rod holder according to Claim 1 wherein said
6 lower end of said receiving socket is tubular shaped and said
7 upper end of said receiving socket is elongated.

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9 Claim 4. The rod holder according to Claim 3 wherein said
10 receiving socket is frusto conical.

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12 Claim 5. The rod holder according to Claim 1 including a
13 stop member positioned in said lower end of said receiving
14 socket for engaging the butt of a fishing rod handle.

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16 Claim 6. The rod holder according to Claim 5 wherein said
17 stop member is rotatable.

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19 Claim 7. The rod holder according to Claim 1 wherein said
20 top surface of said upper flange is highly polished.

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1 Claim 8. The rod holder according to Claim 1 wherein said
2 receiving socket is formed integral to said mounting flange.

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4 Claim 9. The rod holder according to Claim 1 wherein said
5 receiving socket has a continuous sidewall between said upper
6 end and said lower end, said sidewall having an inner surface
7 dimensioned to approximate said opening of said top flange.

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9 Claim 10. The rod holder according to Claim 10 wherein
10 said upper flange includes an engagement receptacle to
11 frictionally engage an edge of said liner.

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13 Claim 11. The rod holder according to Claim 1 wherein
14 said mounting surface is a boat gunnel.

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16 Claim 12. A rod holder assembly with concealed fasteners,
17 said assembly comprising:

18 an upper flange having a top surface and a lower surface
19 with a centrally disposed opening therethrough, said upper
20 flange having a perimeter edge spaced apart from said opening;

21 a backing plate, said backing plate having a centrally
22 disposed opening;

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2 a tubular shaped receiving socket having an open upper end
3 formed integral to a backing plate and a lower end depending
4 therefrom, said receiving socket securable to said upper flange
5 and constructed and arranged to receive a fishing pole handle;

6 a stop member positioned in said lower end of said
7 receiving socket for engaging the butt of a fishing rod handle;

8 a means for securing said backing plate to said upper
9 flange; and

10 a liner extending from said upper flange and extending
11 into said receiving socket;

12 wherein said upper flange is positioned on top of a gunnel
13 mounting surface and said backing plate is positioned beneath
14 said mounting surface and fastened to said upper flange.

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16 Claim 13. The rod holder according to Claim 12 wherein
17 said stop member is rotatable.

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19 Claim 14. The rod holder according to Claim 12 wherein
20 said top surface of said upper flange is highly polished.

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1 Claim 15. The rod holder according to Claim 12 wherein
2 said upper flange includes at least one fastener boss receptive
3 to a fastener bolt inserted through a slotted aperture in said
4 backing plate, said slotted apertures sized to accommodate
5 mounting surface thickness from about 1/4 inch to about 2
6 inches.

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8 Claim 16. The rod holder according to Claim 12 wherein
9 said receiving socket has a continuous sidewall between said
10 upper end and said lower end, said sidewall having an inner
11 surface dimensioned to approximate said opening of said top
12 flange.

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14 Claim 17. The rod holder according to Claim 12 wherein
15 said upper flange includes an engagement receptacle to
16 frictionally engage an edge of said liner.

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18 Claim 18. The rod holder according to Claim 12 wherein
19 said backing plate include mounting apertures for securing said
20 receiving socket to the lower surface of the gunnel, wherein
21 removal of said fastener permits removal of said top flange
22 without disturbing said receiving socket.